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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 19 November 2003 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The change in priority claim proposed in said amendment, filed 11/19/03, would require further consideration and/or search due to making available a large set of potential prior art which was not previously under consideration due to the priority claim of record which includes a number of parent application filing dates going back to as early as 1/21/88.


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